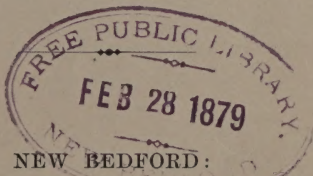


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EXTRACTS FROM THE RULES AND REGULATIONS

ESTABLISHED BY THE NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

OBJECTS. — The objects to be accomplished by this organization are as follows :

I. To preserve and strengthen those kind and fraternal feelings which bind together the soldiers, sailors, and marines, who united to suppress the late rebellion.

II. To assist such former comrades-in-arms as need help and protection; and to extend needful aid to the widows and orphans of those who have fallen.

III. To maintain true allegiance to the United States of America, based upon a paramount respect for, and fidelity to, the National Constitution and laws; to discountenance whatever tends to weaken loyalty, incites to insurrection, treason, or rebellion, or in any manner impairs the efficiency and permanency of our free institutions; and to encourage the spread of universal liberty, equal rights, and justice to all men. — *Chapter I, Article 1.*

MEMBERSHIP. — Soldiers and sailors of the United States Army, Navy, or Marine Corps, who served in the suppression of the late rebellion, and those having been honorably discharged therefrom after such service, shall be eligible to membership in the Grand Army of the Republic. And no person shall be eligible to membership who has at any time borne arms against the United States. — *Chapter I, Article 4.*

GRADES. — In the Grand Army of the Republic, there shall be three grades of membership. The first shall be known as the Grade of Recruit. The second shall be known as the Grade of Soldier. The third shall be known as the Grade of Veteran.

Candidates admitted to membership shall be received only as Recruits. Between admission as Recruit, and proposal for advancement to the second grade, at least two months shall elapse; and six months between muster as Soldier and proposal for advancement to the third grade. — *Chapter I, Article 5.*

BY-LAWS. — Posts may adopt By-Laws for their government, not inconsistent with these RULES AND REGULATIONS or the By-Laws or orders of the National or Department Encampments, and may provide for the alteration or amendment thereof. — *Chapter II, Article 10.*

BY-LAWS.

I. NAME. — This Post shall be known as “William Logan Rodman Post, No. 1, Department of Massachusetts, Grand Army of the Republic.”

II. MEETINGS. — A stated meeting of the Post shall be held once a week, — the evening to be determined from time to time by the Post. “Eight members qualified to transact business, shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the Post.”*

III. OFFICERS. — In addition to the officers otherwise required, there shall be a Sergeant of the Guard, who shall be chosen in the manner provided for the election of other officers, and at the same time, viz.: “at the last stated meetings in June and December.”

IV. VOTING. — Every member entitled to vote, shall vote on all questions, unless at the time excused by the Post.

* Sentences in quotation marks are copied from the Rules of the National Encampment, and are inserted for information.

V. FEES AND DUES. — 1. The fee for admission as Recruit shall be two dollars. This sum shall be forwarded by every candidate with his application. If he is rejected, it shall be returned to him by the Quartermaster. Every applicant notified of his election, who shall “not present himself for muster within three months from the date of such notice,” forfeits the money forwarded, and his election is void.

2. The fee for advancement to the second grade shall be one dollar; and from the second to the third,* one dollar (and ten cents to the National Encampment); in each case to be paid before advancement.

3. The annual tax upon each member shall be two dollars and sixty cents, “payable, in equal quarterly instalments, on the first days of January, April, July, and October.”

4. A special tax may be levied at any time, by a two-thirds vote, after one week's notice in the Post.

5. The Quartermaster shall, on the 20th days of March, June, September, and December, issue notices to all members whose taxes are unpaid.

6. “Any member of a Post who is six months in arrears in the payment of his dues, shall be prohibited from voting; shall be ineli-

* Established by vote of members of the third grade, as required.

gible to any office in the Grand Army of the Republic; and shall be reported 'suspended.'" "If a comrade shall be one year in arrears, or if after suspension he shall refuse to pay his dues, it shall be the duty of the Quartermaster to prefer charges against him, and of the Post Commander to order a court-martial for his trial." "When a comrade is unable, *by reason of sickness or misfortune*, to pay his dues, they may be remitted by a two-thirds vote of the Post."

VI. PUBLIC CEREMONY. — On any occasion of parade or public ceremony, if a Band is employed, or other expense incurred, by vote of the Post, the cost thereof shall be paid from the Post Fund; and, if there should not be money sufficient in the treasury, the necessary amount shall be assessed upon the comrades of the Post.

VII. RELIEF. — 1. All fees received for advancement to the third grade, and all moneys raised or contributed for Relief purposes, shall constitute a Relief Fund.

2. This Fund shall be held sacred for the aid of the needy, and no moneys shall ever be appropriated from it for any other purpose whatever. The only persons who shall ever receive aid from this Fund, are men who have been honorably discharged from the United States Army, Navy, or Marine Corps, after

service therein in the suppression of the late rebellion; and the wives, widows, or orphans of such; and to any of these, only in cases of actual need, and in no case for any funeral expenses.

3. The entire disposal of this Fund and of its income, shall be intrusted to a RELIEF COMMITTEE, consisting of seven comrades, comprising one resident in each Ward of this city, and one in Fairhaven. This Committee shall be chosen by the Post, in the manner and at the time prescribed for the election of officers. [Until June 30, 1870, the Junior Past Post Commander shall be ex-officio a member of the Relief Committee.]

4. The Committee shall elect its own Chairman.

5. The Quartermaster of the Post shall be Treasurer of the Relief Fund; he shall keep a separate record of the acts, receipts, investments, expenditures, and accounts of the Committee.

6. The Committee shall hold a regular meeting at least once a month. The chairman may call a special meeting at any time, notifying each member of the time and place thereof. Three members shall constitute a quorum.

7. All cases of necessity, sickness or want, for which relief is contemplated by these Rules, shall be considered by the Committee, however brought to their notice. They may

refer any case to that member in whose ward it exists, for personal examination, who shall report to the Committee all facts necessary to its full understanding. In a case of immediate and urgent necessity in his own ward, a member may expend a sum not exceeding five dollars, and draw on the Treasurer for the amount. But no larger sum shall be expended except upon vote of the Committee.

8. In cases of sickness, where a watcher is needed, the chairman of the Committee shall detail a comrade of this Post, for each night, in the order of the roll; and any comrade who shall, without sufficient cause stated on being detailed, neglect or refuse to perform his duty as a watcher, unless he provide an acceptable substitute, shall forfeit and pay to the Post the sum of three dollars, which shall be added to the Relief Fund.

9. At the first regular meetings of the Post in January, April, July, and October, the Committee shall present a written report for the preceding quarter in detail to the Post, of their proceedings; rendering an account of all funds intrusted to them; and showing from what sources they were derived and how and for what causes they have been expended.

VII. DEATHS.—1. Upon notice of the death of a comrade, the Post shall be at once convened by the Commander, and, if agreeable

to the family of the deceased, shall attend the funeral. The Post may also vote to attend, when desired, the funeral of any honorably discharged soldier, sailor, or marine, or of any one dying in service.

2. The Committee of Relief shall have charge of burials in the lot in the Rural Cemetery set apart for the graves of deceased soldiers.

3. A sum not exceeding thirty dollars may, by vote of the Post, be raised by assessment, in order to defray funeral expenses, after one week's notice.

VIII. AMENDMENTS.—These By-Laws shall not be altered or amended unless two weeks' notice shall have been given in writing, specifying the amendments proposed; and then only by a two-thirds vote.

